abatement of polluted rivers. Under this Plan, conservation and pollution abatement works have been approved in 153 towns along the polluted stretches of 28 rivers in 17 States. The estimated cost of these works is Rs.3343 crore against which Central grants amounting to Rs.1068 crore have been released so far. Conservation and management of rivers is one of the monitorable targets under the Tenth Plan. For conservation and management of lakes, a National Lake Conservation Plan is under implementation. Under this scheme, plans for conservation and management of 7 urban polluted lakes, have been approved at an estimated cost of Rs.27.22 crore. These projects are under implementation and Central grants amounting to Rs.9.79 crore have been released to the State Governments concerned so far.

Construction of Connaught Place-Dwarka Corridor of MRTS

2046. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1628 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March,2002 and state:

(a) whether the project relating to the construction of metro-rail in the Barakhamba Road-Connaught Place-Dwarka Corridor has since been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the acquisition of the required land for the project and its estimated cost; and

(c) by when the work on this section is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The proposal for this corridor to be included in phase I of Delhi MRTS has been approved.

(b)	(i)	Length of corridor	-	23.16km.
	(ii)	No. of stations	-	22
	(iii)	Estimated cost (excluding taxes & duties)	-	Rs.2,700 crores (at April, 2001 prices level)

(iv) Requirement of land as per the Detailed Project Report is 112.67 ha.

(c) The project is likely to take 3 years for completion after sources of finance are tied up and approval of Government obtained.

Demolition of encroachments around Lal Gumbad and Madarsa Zeentul

2047. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Court of Delhi has ordered DDA and Archaeological Survey of India to demolish all the encroachments and illegal constructions in and around historic Lal Gumbad and Madarsa Zeentul on the green-belt behind Panchsheel Enclave;

(b) the nature of the illegal constructions and whether these have since been demolished and area cleared of the encroachments; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the concerned persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Delhi Rent Control Bill

†2048. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Delhi Rent Control Bill;

(b) by when Government propose to implement the same; and

(c) the reasons for delay in its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The Delhi Rent Act, 1995 was enacted in 1995. The Act, however, could not come into force as the tenants, particularly the trader-tenants, launched an agitation against the Bill and demanded changes in some of the provisions of the Bill. The matter was examined by the Government.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.